While You Were Out; Wish You Were Here!

just thought I'd drop you a line...
14:57 ✓✓

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Dear Noa, you've left. Yesterday on an early afternoon with bags & friends in tow, like always. I couldn't say what I wanted to say in the moment as always, but Stan Welch reminded me later that you will actually be back and I shouldn't worry. I wanted to say that I wish you all the best on your travels and your adventures and your schemes & your escapades. You're always up to something!

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Wish you were here,
Rory x

11/07/2025) Victoria Park, LDN)

Dearest Rory,

Writing to you, sat in Victoria Park in East London with Oriane & her friend Chloe. Last night we went swimming in Shadwell basin but were 2hrs late so everything got pushed back, we ended up getting beers in Dalston afterwards before "incrusting" ourselves to someone's bday (I'll only met him 1x). We rounded the night by dancing so ridiculously b/c the music was bad, then we took 2 buses over 1.5 hours back to Peckham (very inconvenient from Hackney Wick). Oriane peed outside Blackfriars & I assured her there was "no one around" (a lie).

Wish you were here!

—Nea xoxoxo

RORY J. SPENCER

1/3 10 Victoria rd, G42 XXX

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FOR NOA AMSOW Urgent ☒

DATE 12.7.25 TIME 12:08

While You Were Out

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Message BIG NEWS! Two street sweepers were dwelling on Victoria Road last night at about 4am. People cheering them on. I felt they should have had a referee. Mela asleep & uninterested, Yorgi the same. Govanhill is alive & well with someone to bear witness. Wish you could have seen it.

SIGNED

12/07/2025 – SHADWELL

Dearest Rory,

Today was a very "tired" day. I woke up late-ish, I went to meet my friend Gabi in Angel who is catsitting there, I went back to Dalston to meet a few other friends for a bike ride, I cycled along the canal in the perfect light of a midsummer long & golden evening, I ate a Bulgarian feast prepared by (yet another friend).... And yet. I spent all day fighting this inner sense of fatigue – fingers crossed it goes away by the morning (for tomorrow there is another onslaught of my activists as a LOL (lady of leisure)...

Rory Spurrier
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WYWH!
Love, Moa xxxx

FOR NOA AMSON Urgent ☐

DATE 13/7./25 TIME 18:53

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Message Hi Noa,
just a quick note to say that I think you should call to discuss how this project is going in a couple days.
A mid point election. I'm enjoying it but haven't seen anything you've sent yet!

SIGNED Spencer

13/07/2025 | LONDON FIELDS |

Dearest Rory,
Liam & I just tried to sneak into the London Fields Lido - what an epic fail that was! The reason we may even have considered this being a possibility is because Liam's friend knows the manager... but I suppose there is a difference between "knowing" someone & knowing someone.
More on this later. LOL (lots of love) - Noa

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UK

Dear Noa,

14.7.25

WISH YOU WERE HERE IN GLASGOW. SPECIFICALLY ON THE 06:45 TRAIN TO EDINBURGH. WE COULD GO EXPLORE SCOTLAND'S SECOND CITY TOGETHER.

I wonder how we'd have been different if we'd spent 5 years living in Edinburgh instead of the Glasgow. I wonder what work we'd have produced from an Edin-based practice! I suspect far more self-important, with more focus on aesthetics (YAWN)

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Lots of love, Rory

:)))) x

WISH YOU WERE HERE

14/07/2025 | LONDON

DEAREST RORY

I AM STILL IN MY LOL ERA,

THOUGH IT IS A STRANGE

EXPERIENCE. SEEING

SO MANY PEOPLE IN SUCH

A COMPRESSED PERIOD

OF TIME, IT CAN'T BE

NORMAL. WILL UPDATE

TOMORROW... LOVE, NOA

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FOR NOA AMSON Urgent ☐

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Message MORNING!

I TRIED TO REACH YOU BY STARING INTO THE DAWN SUN UNTIL my eyes hurt. Rubbing my temples until the pain focused into a broadcast signal and then transmitting my thoughts along that wave-length. Will try again tomorrow

SIGNED

FOR RORY SPENCER Urgent [X]

DATE 15/07/2025 TIME 0900

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Message

Hi Rory, I have been a little absent online during my holidays & I'd like to apologize for that. For some reason it is really difficult for me to coordinate consistent social activities whilst also keeping up with work admin. I also need to confess that I've written you some content posted humorously (of the activity) because I simply ran out of steam before the end of the day. I hope that is alright. TTYS

SIGNED - Noa

Dear Noa,

I'm sat in the staff break room at Underbelly, Cowgate sharing ideas for painting contraptions and cable-cleaning thingumijigs. Turns out theatre nerds are still nerds and we all love using science & building skills to dream up devices to make our jobs easier. I would come up with a robot editor to make me stick to deadlines & give me emotional support. We could still go to parties together.

16.8.25

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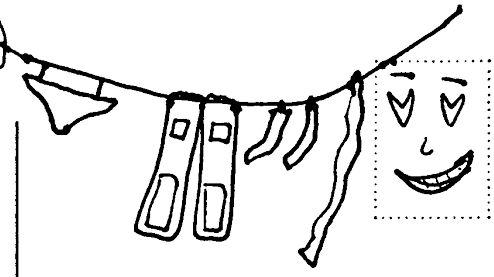
Rory

16/07/2025 PECKHAM GROVE



Dearest RJS,

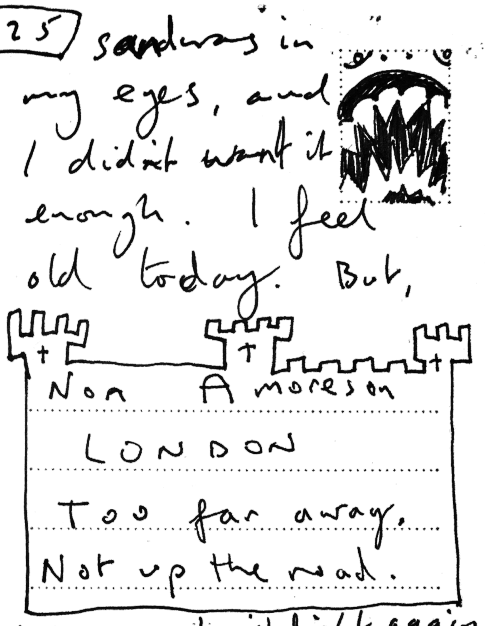
Woke up on a mission to wash my underwear because I very annoyingly ran out. When you are fussy on being a professional guest you avoid doing such things like washing undies or using dishes, but all of the sudden you've run out of data and have to clean knickers and feet is NOT very professional at all. WYWH! - Noa xoxoo

RJS
1/3 Vicroad
GOVANHELL
GLASGAE

Dear Noa.

17.7.25

It's one of those grey days in Glasgow, the sort that anyone who lives here has to become proficient at fighting to the death, and burying before breakfast. I'm normally quite good at this, but today I couldn't grip my sword tight enough, and the sand was in my eyes, and I didn't want it enough. I feel old today. But, tomorrow I will fight again.



I Wish you were HERE, Rory

17/07/2025 | EUSTON

Dearest Rory,

Survived a dinner party last night where everyone was avoiding the Elephant in the Room which was more to the big I. Until that is, one girl started really grilling & questioning but unfortunately she wasn't the person in the room who was actually most informed (she is lovely but lives in virtue signal land) & and did so in a manner that made me want to crawl inside my shell & hide – would she have asked someone with a Pakistani grandparent if they loved the Pakistani army & questioned their attachment to a place that also did not exist as a political entity until recently?

CANCELLED

RJS
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GLASGAY, GOVANHILL
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Shitain ♡ So food for thought.

–Love Noa

FOR NOA. A. Urgent ☒

DATE 18/7/25 TIME 15:07

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AAH ~~the~~ ~~do~~ it's supposed to be my day off and suddenly everyone in the world needs my help. I am stretched so thin I feel like a used contact lens. Or something. Hope you are well. Glad to have this writing to stay sane.

SIGNED

18/07/2025 | LON → PORTO

Dear Rory,

I am in the plane as I write this - a 1.30am departure most only "resting" beforehand because I'm always afraid of missing my alarm. Then the trek to Luton & 6.15am flight... everytime I book an early cheap journey I think it's a great idea ("oh but it's 9.95£ cheaper") & then when it slowly creeps up on me, so does the dread. Throughout the journey I always think "NEVER AGAIN", "this is the LAST TIME!", but then as soon as it's over I block it out (trauma response). Rinse n repeat. Landy now.

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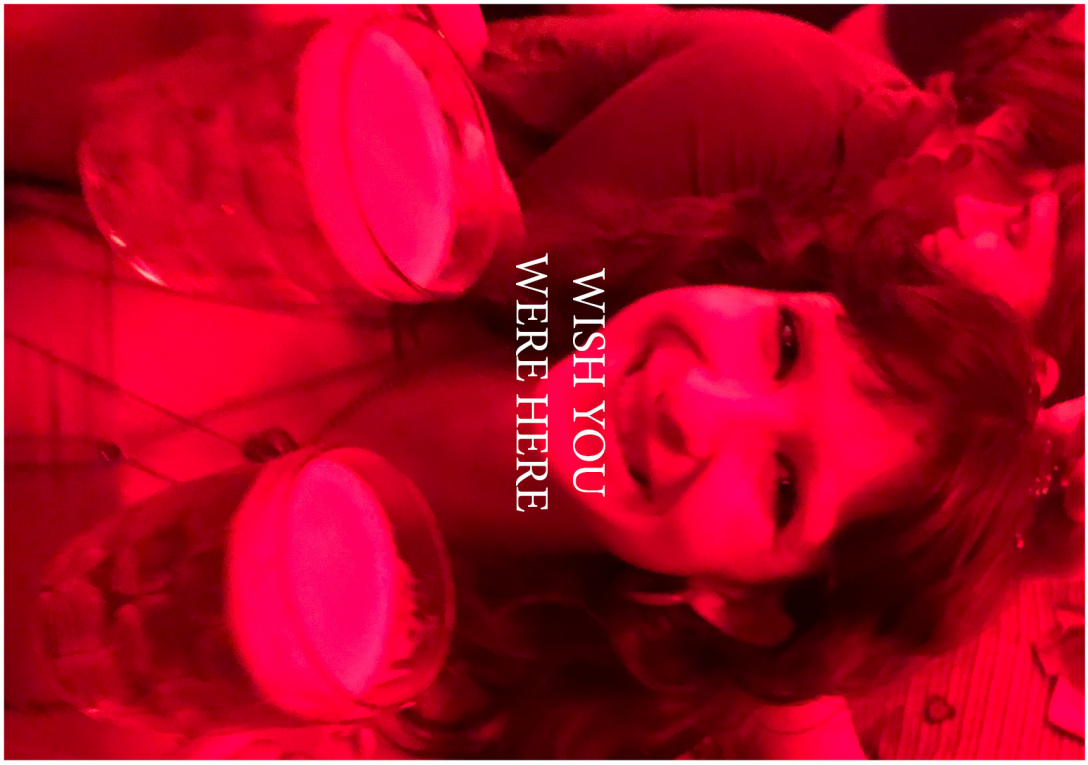
WYWH! - Noa xoxoo



19.7.25

Dear Noa,

It was Zeni's leaving party last night, there were some excellent revels and the writing of list poems and goodbye messages in a big book called 'Le Chat'.

It seems every summer Glasgow has an exodus of the best people. I hope your travels are going well. Where are you at the moment? Gorbachell isn't the same without you.

WISH YOU WERE HERE! Rory x

NOA ANSORA

~~FAR AWAY~~

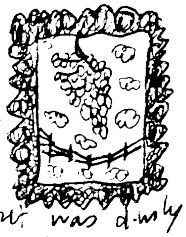
VERY CLOSE

LONDON, UK

13/07/2025 | DOURO VALLEY, PORTUGÃO

Dearest Rory,

arrived in Oporto yesterday, spent the day feeling extremely dissociated & sitting around on the esplanade eating fishy things. Had a shocking depth round 2 (vinho verde & a bunch of other wedding goers arriving). It was feeling a bit overwhelmed/oversocialized & didn't feel like sitting around drinking port for hours & hours so I left the group for a bit - found the most hidden gem of a restaurant (perfect b/c I was so hangry). The restaurant was dimly lit, this fuzzy & soft yellow lighting, decorated with portuguese vogue magazines. Average clientele



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Was middle aged, middle class portuguese women. Perfect. Spend the evening with truffle oil & a glass of wine. WYWH! - Mol

FOR Noa Amson Urgent ☐

DATE 20. 7. 25 TIME 16:57

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Message

Hi Noa very wet weather in Glasgow as I walk past your old place to football. RIVERS IN BIKE LANES type weather. You know the sort. Earlier in a corner shop a very smelly man was chased away by the owner, who sprayed deodorant after him.

SIGNED

Thought of you (not the smell) the interwebs

20/07/2025 - DOURO VALLEY, PORTUGAL

Dear Rory,

The big day has arrived. They're getting MARRIED! Wedded, under the shade of some mediterranean oaks (even though Portugal is not technically the mediterranean, they still grow), & surrounded by 86 of their "closest friends & family" sat in a cork forest, the crackly noise of the microphone adding an air of comedy to a very much cinematically perfect wedding. I've never been too much into weddings or couples but they are so calm & at ease with each other it is putting me in a new sort of zo mood.

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You know where, 660

WYWH! Lots of love
- Noa

21.7.25 Dear Noa, I'm writing this on the 090 bus from Glasgow to Edin-burgh, leaving at 06:05 for 5 days this week. I'm trying to get out of debt and this big painting job should do it. I'm very glad to have had you to write to over the last 2 weeks, it's been a nice way to mark the days as they fly past. Hope you are enjoying the wedding. W.Y.W.H. Love Roxy x

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21/07/2025 - PORTO (again)

This cafe is so perfect I wish I could draw.....

Rory,

Where to begin since I have written you yesterday. I am in a little cafe called "confeiteria tropical" + is is really royal. I had to come in here because my phone died so I had loaded my had a charger (I need to go to the airport soon) ~~but~~ + the man behind the counter could hear from my horrific Portugues accent that I was French. Anyway - stayed at wedding party till 5am, after which my 2 mates had to get a cab 2 hours to the airport to catch an early flight. No one stayed at our accomodation because Aiyyah went home with some man from the wedding & I crashed on some random persons sofa cushions. Then I walked the 45 mins up a huge hill to our airbnb, only to find that a) it was empty + b) I had to go back down to get my flight. Now, if I were to get my flight

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I hitchhiked with this old American-Australian-British friend group (ex team GB softball team) because my mate was dead. And now I'm here... Non

22.7.25

Dear, dear Noa. I put off writing this all day because it's the end. The end of our old way, and the beginning of the new. No longer will we be able to bicker so freely as we could in person; instead, oceans away from my all-time favourite collaborator I must make do with comparatively terse whatsapp messages. I really, really wish you were here, but I'm looking forward to hearing what you've been up to While You Were Out.

My sincerest love and admiration, Rory

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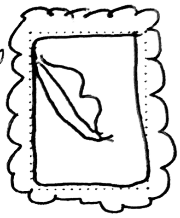
22/07/2025 – PARIS

Dearest Rory,

last day! it was a bit of a rough/bumpy start (to the project) (because of me 100000%) but here we are, on the last day. We didn't time it like this on purpose, but in some way it feels like it am in a timelin day as well – it's silly on the edge of Canal St-Martin, it's spot to mary with my family (we ate at this kitsuny Koshin restaurant called Korcara – if you ever come it'll bring you).

Anyway, that's it. well done. WYWH! – Mon



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TO MY VERY DEAREST FRIEND AND COLLABORATOR, HI, IT'S ME. WROTE YOU THIS WHILE YOU WERE OUT - IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN PAR TOO LONG.
HOW ARE YOU?? I HAVE MUCH TO CATCH YOU UP ON, SO MUCH THAT I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START! IT'S SO HOT HERE, THE SKY IS PERFECTLY BLUE, IT'S ONLY 7AM AND SO HOT, YOU CAN JUST TELL IT'S GOING TO BE A SCORCHER.
I HAVE SO MUCH TO SAY AND SO LITTLE SPACE, WHERE TO BEGIN. BUT DON'T WORRY, I'M DOING WELL, DID I MENTION HOW HOT IT IS TODAY? AND I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR WHAT YOU'VE BEEN UP TO! WISH YOU WERE HERE! LOVE, YOUR DEAREST FRIEND

how do you remain close to someone when they are far away? how do you fill the void left by those in-person catch-ups when 'just dropping by' or real-life studio sessions? which words do you choose if both time and space to write are limited? should priority be given to sharing emotion or communication?

this work is a correspondence over 10 days between two people using words and paragraphs. it explores the act of writing to someone as a means of maintaining intimacy through the narrative built by their daily exchanges.

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